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National Fatherhood Initiative  
Attention: Jillian Stephenson  
Executive Coordinator  
National Responsible Fatherhood Capacity-Building Initiative  
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Dear Ms. Stephenson:

The NH Commission on the Status of Men (NHCSM) voted during the October meeting held on October 30 2009 to support the **NHPIRC (Parent Information and Resource Center)** request for funds offered under the **National Fatherhood Initiative's Capacity Building Grant** Program.

Commission members shared information at the Partnerships for Education Conference held in Manchester last March. In addition Mr. John-Michael Dumais, Director, NH State PIRC addressed the Commission about the importance of male involvement in education last January.

The NHCSM believes that the awarding of funds to support leadership building around the importance of father involvement will enhance the lives of children in the state. NHPIRC has shown initiative previous to your grant opportunity in this area.

Mr. Dumais has brought awareness to the Commission certainly and to other organizations such as school systems and PTA/PTO groups about the value of father involvement. He has shown organizational skills that the Commission believes will increase with the financial and leadership-building help offered by your grant. The end result would be more individuals and groups in NH working to insure positive male role models for children and communities.

If you wish to have more information about the work of the NHCSM (NH Commission on the Status of Men) or details about our collaboration so far with NHPIRC, please feel free to contact me or Larry Colby.

*Larry Colby*

Sincerely,  
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